

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the claims of Group V corresponding to claims 27-32 and 44-48. Applicant understands that claims 20, 33-39 and 49-51 are also under consideration. In the Office Action, it is stated that these claims "may be considered to lack a suitable specific utility under 35 U.S.C. 101". Please note, however, that independent claim 20 is directed to producing a useful product from an organic material. The useful product is a metabolic product produced from an organism and/or an enzyme. As discussed throughout the application, this process may be used in many different applications which all clearly meet the requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 101.

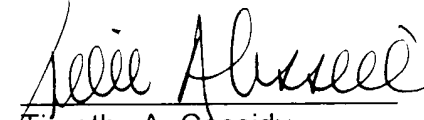
In the Office Action, a species election was also requested. In response, Applicant selects the species directed to lipids. Claim 39 reads on the species election. All of the remaining claims are believed to be generic to the species election.

It is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance. Should Examiner Lilling have any questions with respect to this case, he is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his convenience.

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